

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held January 23, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission

v.

Pike County Light & Power Company

Docket Number:
R-2024-3052357

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 30, 2024, Pike County Light & Power Company (Pike), Utility Code 122400, filed Supplement No. 127 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 to become effective February 28, 2025, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$905,900 (35.8%) in additional annual revenues, an increase in residential customer's bills using 80 CCFs from \$135.78 to \$196.08/month (44.4%). On January 17, 2025, Pike filed Supplement No. 128 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 voluntarily postponing the effective date of the rate increase until March 15, 2025.

On January 8, 2025 and January 16, 2025, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate, respectively, filed Formal Complaints. Various oppositions were also filed.

Pike stated that it has been operating under gas rates that went into effect on July 28, 2021 and the requested increase in its base rates is necessary due to significant capital investments to improve its infrastructure and increase reliability, and to modernize its gas system in order to better serve its customers.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until October 15, 2025, 2025, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff filing and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of Pike's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed Supplement No. 127 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 6.

2. That the proposed Supplement No. 127 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 is suspended by operation of law until October 15, 2025, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed in triplicate or, if applicable, e-filed with the Commission within 10 days following the Order entry date.

4. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the Pike County Light & Power Company's existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Pike County Light & Power Company, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed Formal Complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: January 23, 2025

ORDER ENTERED: January 23, 2025

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. _____ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. _____

(COMPANY'S NAME)

(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. _____ to Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ filed to become effective _____ (and voluntarily postponed to become effective _____, is hereby suspended until _____, at Docket No. _____). Presently effective rates contained in Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended.

Issued:

Issued in compliance with

Title 66 PA C.S.